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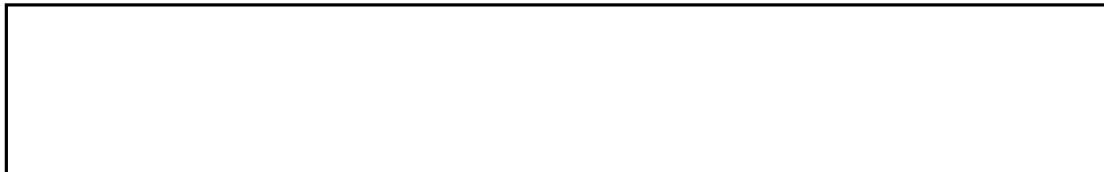
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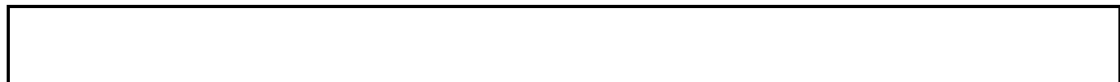
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WEST GERMANY - EAST GERMANY: Both states are standing pat in their negotiations for a basic political treaty, apparently in the hope of extracting concessions prior to the West German elections on 19 November.

West German negotiator Egon Bahr and his East German counterpart, Michael Kohl, remained deadlocked on fundamental political issues in their talks last week in East Berlin. Bahr insisted that a political treaty refer to the idea of a common German nationhood and to the lack of a final peace treaty. Kohl refused to include a reference to either point in a treaty draft. Furthermore, Kohl stated flatly that Pankow's position is final. Bahr countered that the West German constitutional court would not approve a treaty of the sort the East Germans want.

Despite the display of stubbornness, the Bahr-Kohl talks will resume in Bonn on 10 October. Meanwhile, the Soviets are playing their own role on matters directly related to the treaty negotiations. Bahr and Kohl have already agreed to set aside the question of continuing quadripartite rights until the Four Powers reach an accord on this issue. Both negotiators have also reached an understanding that there will be no bid by Pankow for UN observer status until the treaty, and presumably the quadripartite declaration, are concluded. Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko, however, showed no interest in a quadripartite declaration when approached last week by [redacted] Gro-myko also raised the possibility of observer status for Pankow at the present UN session. [redacted]

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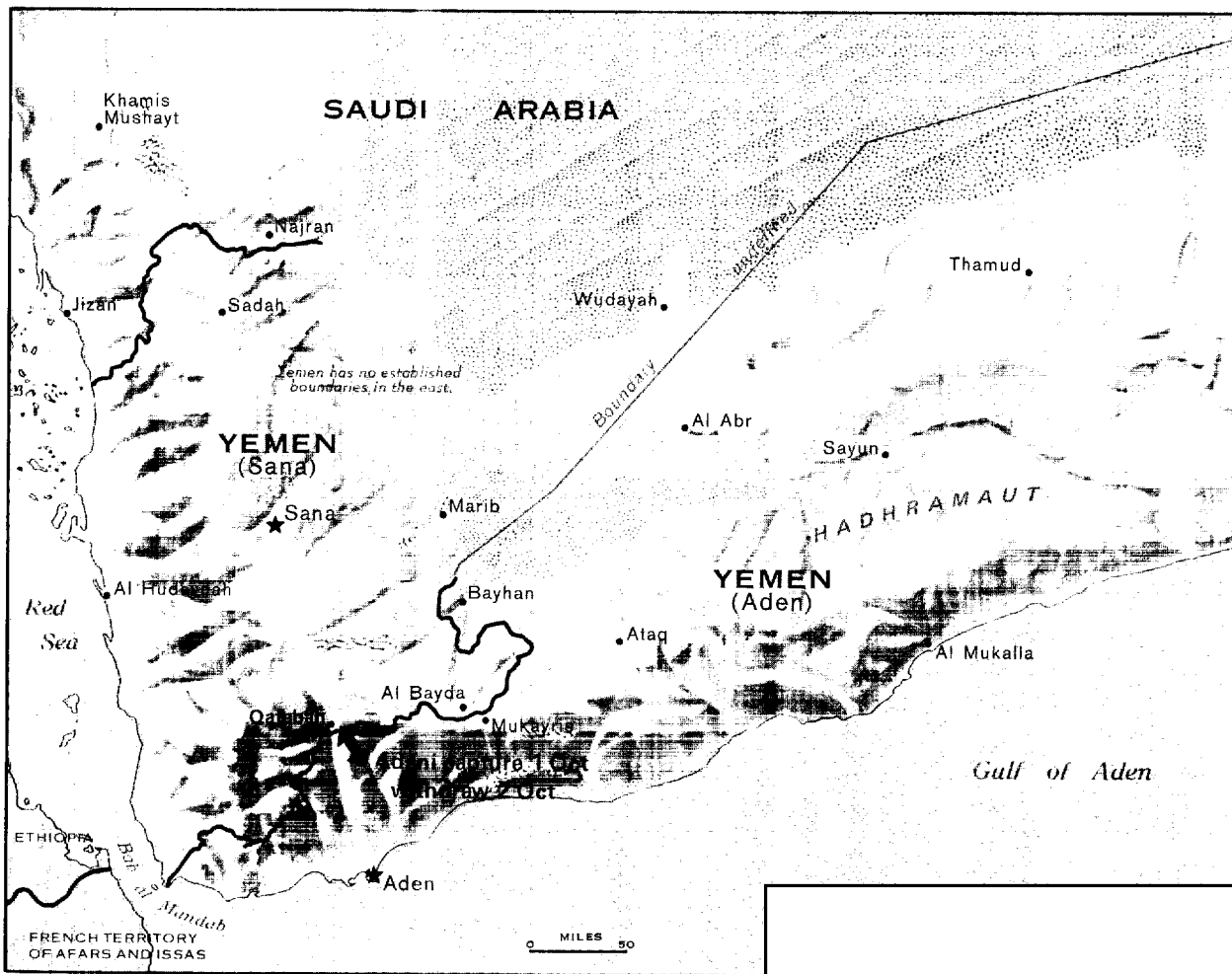
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YEMEN (SANA) - YEMEN (ADEN): Adeni forces withdrew on 2 October from the Yemen (Sana) border town of Qatabah. The withdrawal will probably help defuse a situation that seemed to threaten full-scale warfare between the two Yemens.

The successful Adeni incursion and the capture of Qatabah on 1 October came in response to several forays into Aden territory since mid-September by dissident groups [redacted] operating from Sana. Aden called for a cease-fire following its capture of the important border town, but the Sana government announced there could be none until all of its territory was liberated.

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One result of the border conflict will be to sharpen the policy differences within the Sana government between those who favor direct assistance to the Adeni dissidents, and those--including President Iryani and Prime Minister al-Ayni--who have counseled against an aggressive stance toward the Aden government. Although opposing the leftist regime in Aden, Iryani and al-Ayni have argued that Sana is unprepared for a war with Aden. [redacted]

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